GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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MID DAY MEAL SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to extend the Mid Day Meal Scheme upto upper primary and higher classes; and

(b) if so, the time by when the Government is likely to implement the same in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): The Government has extended Mid Day Meal Scheme to the Upper Primary Stage of Education (classes VI to VIII) in Government (including local body) and Government-aided schools, and EGS/AIE centres initially in 3479 Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) of the country with effect from 1.10.2007. The Government has also decided to expand the programme to Upper Primary Stage of Education of all areas across the country from the year 2008-09. At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to extend the programme to higher classes.